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SUBJ: GARRISON DIVERSION

1. LOCAL PRESS HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED SPATE OF ARTICLES ON NORTH DAKOTA GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT, LATEST BEING HALF-PAGE ARTICLE ON OP-ED PAGE OF DECEMBER 7 OTTAWA JOURNAL, ENTITLED "MANITOBI WANTS CLEAN WATER - NOT MONEY FOR PURIFICATION." ARTICLE REVIEWS ENVIRONMENTAL OPPOSITION TO PROJECT, PAST US-CANADIAN DISCUSSIONS AND BOUNDARY WATER TREATY APPLICATION. AFTER SAYING "MANITOBA...WANTS GUARANTEES THAT THE PROJECT WILL NOT POLLUTE MANITOBA WATERS," IT CONCLUDES BY REPORTING "...OTTAWA AND MANITOBA GOT TOGETHER TO ISSUE A STATEMENT RE-STATING THEIR FEARS THAT THE GARRISON DIVERSION WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT MANITOBA, AND RAISING SERIOUS QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF THE UNITED STATES STUDIES OF THE PROJECT... BUT THE WORK CONTINUES... MANITOBA THEN... HAS ACCESS TO US COURTS TO SUE FOR DAMAGES. PROVING THOSE DAMAGES IS ANOTHER MATTER."

2. OTHER PRESS ITEMS HAVE REPORTED AN APPEAL BY THE CANADIAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION TO PRESIDENT FORD CALLING UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR HALT TO PROJECT, AND A STATEMENT BY MANITOBA

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL THAT "US BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
IS TRYING TO BRING WORK ON THE GARRISON DIVERSION...
TO A POINT THAT WILL MAKE PROJECT UNSTOPPABLE, REGARDLESS
OF ITS EFFECT ON CANADA." JOHNSON

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